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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of: MIDORI SHIMA, et al.

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For: SERINE PROTEASE INHIBITOR

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**RESPONSE**

In response to the Official Notice, mailed August 1, 2003, having a shortened statutory period for response which expires November 1, 2004, a Petition for a three (3) month extension with the requisite fee being attached hereto, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the application, withdrawal of all objections and rejections, and the allowance of all claims in view of the following amendments and remarks.